

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 66, 79, and 85 have been revised to include the feature of the hybridoma previously recited in claims 78, 83, and 92, respectively. Claims 66, 79, and 85 have also been revised to remove extraneous wording.

Claims 85, 95, and 96 have been revised to use alternative language to encompass the same intended subject matter.

Claims 67 and 68 have been revised to correct minor typographical oversights.

Claim 69 has been canceled.

Claims 72, 76, and 78 have been revised to include features previously recited in claim 66. Similarly, claims 81 and 83 have been revised to include features previously recited in claim 79. Additionally, features previously recited in claim 85 are now presented in claims 88, 90, 92 and new claim 97.

Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the claims prior to the above claim revisions in a continuing application. The claim revisions are not made in acquiescence to any rejection of record nor in response to the Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review. Instead, the revisions better tailor the claims to currently contemplated commercial embodiments of the claimed subject matter. Thus the revisions are made for business reasons rather than any issue of patentability.

No new matter has been introduced, and entry of the above revised claims is respectfully requested.

Allowable subject matter

Claims 78 and 92 were previously objected to as dependent from rejected claims but were indicated as allowable if re-written in independent form. Applicants have now revised the independent claims to include the feature in previous claims 78 and 92. Accordingly, the claims are believed to be allowable.

Early indication to this effect is respectfully requested.

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